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Sir:

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Prior to the examination of the above application, please amend this application
as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 1-27 in their entirety, and add new claims 28-32 as follows:

28. (New) A double-deck elevator, comprising:

an upper cage and a lower cage vertically movable together in a hoistway;

and

covers for covering a space between the upper cage and the lower cage

at a doorside, two lateral sides and a backside of the space;

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